

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Interference by a Deputy Minister at the time of holding Interviews of Candidates

8. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the District Education Officer, Shimoga was holding interviews to several candidates for the selection to the Teachers Post from 5-7-1969 to 8-7-1969 in the Office of the District Educational Officer, Shimoga ;

(b) whether it is a fact that on 5-7-1969 the District Educational Officer held interviews from 10 A.M. to 4-30 P.M. on that day ;

(c) whether the Deputy Minister for Health went to the District Educational Officer's Office on 5-7-1969 at 4-30 P.M. and asked the District Educational Officer to stop further interviews before several candidates for which the District Educational Officer did not agree by saying that he is following the Circular issued by the Education Department ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the said Deputy Minister for Health did so at the instance of some of the Congressmen whose candidates were not called for the interview ;

(e) on the refusal by the D.E.O. to do so whether the said Deputy Minister went to Channagiri on the same day and ordered the D.D.P.I., Chitradurga who was camping there to send immediate communication to D.E.O., Shimoga to stop further interviews and accordingly the D.D.P.I. informed D.E.O. on phone to stop further interviews and accordingly the D.E.O. stopped interviews on the same day ;

(f) whether the procedure adopted by the Deputy Minister is in accordance with the business rules governing the Council of Ministers ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) On 5th July 1969 at 5-00 P.M. Deputy Minister for Health was at Chitradurga which is nearly 112 kilo meters away from Shimoga. At 3-00 P.M. Deputy Minister for Health inspected Hadadi P.H.C. on the way to Chitradurga.

(d) It is not a fact.

(e) No such instructions were given. But D.D.P.I., Chitradurga was requested to enquire into the matter immediately and if necessary the interview may be postponed, until the matter is settled.

The reasons for such requests are :

(i) The interview fixed was very hurried, since the District Educational Officer, Shimoga was to retire the very next day of the interview.

(ii) About 60 applicants who had applied for the posts from Shimoga District had approached the Deputy Minister for Health and requested him to enquire into the matter, since the majority of the candidates who came for interview were from Dharwar District only.

(f) The Deputy Minister for Health brought to the notice of the Education Department certain aspects of the matter. He has done nothing repugnant to the Rules of Business.

Construction of Bridges across Kulgod and Timmapur Nallas and on Ghataprabha Near Tigadi

31. Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI (Arabhavi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Arabhavi-Yalwad-Lokapur road was formed long back ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the said road is still not an all-weather road and communication is cut off during the rainy season ;

(c) whether representations have been made several times for the construction of bridges across Kulgod and Timmapur nallas and also for an all-weather bridge on Ghataprabha near Tigadi ;

(d) the steps Government has taken to construct the abovementioned bridges and to improve the said road ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Will be considered subject to the availability of funds.